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The Honorable Dave Kasten,
Montana House of Representatives
PO Box 200400
Helena, MT 59620-0400

Dear Representative Kasten,,

I know how busy you are so I will make this request as brief as I can , which will be difficult for the decision you make will have an effect on generations to come.

Rarely does property become available in the exact location that it is needed. Rarely does the legislature overwhelmingly pass a bill (HB540 2005) of both houses and all the committees giving bonding authority of (\$7.5 M to buy that property for a much needed History Center) and it hasn't been done We are honored that all of our national delegation also approved of this proposal. So does the City, the Chamber of Commerce and many of your constituents and many, many Montana Citizens,.

It is incredible to me, that the legislative intent has been **violated and completely ignored**. As a former legislator and also a delegate to Montana's 1972 Convention, I ask you to please, please, do not let this happen. Insist that the \$7.5 Million be used for what it was intended. Do not let the expenses of and effort of passing this legislation in 2005 for such an important cause and need go by the wayside.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. www.lomar@mt.net Or write to Mt History Center, PO Box 1585, Helena, MT 59624 Phone 406-442-5611

Thank you very much for your consideration of this project.

Most sincere,


Betty Babcock